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State University of New York at
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Steven J. Ricca is a partner in the Firm's Environmental practice group and a member of the Firm's Economic and Land Development practice group. Mr. Ricca has extensive experience in handling land use matters and related environmental review and zoning procedures, regulatory compliance and enforcement matters and environmental and commercial litigation. Mr. Ricca has successfully defended industrial and commercial projects in municipal public hearings and in the courtroom, and has served as special counsel to municipalities on various land use matters.

Mr. Ricca also has successfully handled numerous petroleum spill cost recovery litigation matters, and his regulatory enforcement practice has included, among others things, defense of clients in the petroleum and chemical manufacturing industries, particularly with respect to matters arising under the Federal Clean Air Act. Mr. Ricca is a frequent lecturer on environmental topics.

Admitted to practice in New York State, Mr. Ricca is a member of the Urban Land Institute, the Environmental Law Committee of the Bar Association of Erie County and the Environmental Law Section of the New York State Business Council. Mr. Ricca served as an Executive Committee member for the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy from 2002-2008 and as Treasurer of Food Shuttle of Western New York from 1989-1994. Mr. Ricca was selected by peer review for inclusion in "*Best Lawyers in America*" in the area of Land Use and Zoning Law.